

REMARKS

Upon entry of this Response, claims 5-11, 14, 16, 18, and 22 will be amended and claims 1-4 will be canceled. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested in view of the following Remarks.

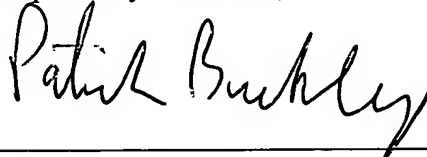
Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 5-9 and 11 as originally filed contained allowable subject matter. These claims have been amended and Applicants respectfully request allowance.

The limitation of claim 5 has also been added to claims 14, 16, 18, and 22. As a result, Applicants also respectfully request allowance of these claims (and claims dependent thereon).

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance of all pending claims. If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of the present application, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned via telephone at (203) 972-0191.

Respectfully submitted,



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